

Mountain Village Montessori Charter School
27285 Brandon Circle
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487
Governing Board Meeting
August 10, 2018

Our Mission:

To inspire each child to learn and grow as a responsible global citizen in a collaborative, peaceful, and safe environment through the proven methods of Montessori education. As a school of choice, Mountain Village Montessori Charter School is a place for students, families, and teachers to grow together as a community. MVMCS aims to develop responsible, self-directed and resilient children who become life-long learners and creative problem solvers.

Our Vision:

Mountain Village Montessori Charter School creates a respectful, safe, nurturing and diverse educational community where students, staff, parents and community members collaborate to become empowered, enriched, challenged, resilient and prepared individuals meeting the demands of an ever-changing society.

In Attendance:

Jeff Meraige (Chair)
Mike Morris (Vice Chair)
Jason Gilligan (Treasurer)
Leslie Gumbrecht (Secretary)
Michael Girodo (Head of School)
Darcy Walters (Faculty Representative)
Julie Dinkens (Administrative Director)
Emily Barnhart
Adam Wright
Mona Gibson (via phone)

Action Items:

- Jason will send 5-year budget projections to Julie.
- Julie and Jason will update our Dashboard.
- Mike will work on putting together a board book. Please send Mike items for inclusion.
- Jeff will notify 4 new board members.
- Julie will follow up with Mona regarding our sponsorship letter.
- Mona and Jason will compose statements on ballot issues.
- Mike will make a template for committee reporting.

Minutes:

- I. **Call to Order:** 12:40pm
- II. **Agenda Review:** Agenda reviewed by board.
- III. **Public Comment:** None.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Table (members were unable to open document on Team Drive)

- V. **H.O.S. Report:** (Michael G.)
 - a. Enrollment is on target for our budget. Meg Walker may move to an all day position if we continue to gain all-day preschool students.
 - b. Michael has contracted with a consultant to provide professional development for staff. Some teachers will be observing at Ross, and Betsy Hoake and Betsy Lockhart will also be providing some coaching.
 - c. Testing Data is being analyzed by Michael and staff. They are looking at patterns in the data and formulating a plan to strengthen academic growth. Board discusses the various interpretations of the data, and will work with the SAC to set goals.
 - d. Lease is still in negotiation. Things are moving forward.
- VI. **CSI Renewal: Board Work--due 8/15/2018:**
 - a. Jeff provides a document outlining where we need work. The board discusses several additional ideas including Board Member mentorship, Board Training, and soliciting involvement from a wider section of parents.
- VII. **Strategic Planning:** This section tabled until Board Retreat on 9/14
 - a. Student Achievement
 - b. Operations
 - c. Finance
 - d. Culture
 - e. Community Building
- VIII. **Committee Updates:**
 - a. Business/Finance Report (Julie):
 - i. 2017/18 final books--Board reviews final books, and Julie provides an overview. Our budget was conservative, so that helped some end of the year unexpected expenses. Board proposes providing Julie with some professional development opportunities.
 - ii. Mill Levy Equalization: We've received our first payment. Jason explains what the equalization means for MVMCS.
 - iii. 2018/19 Budget and contingency planning: Board discusses strategies for budgeting and planning considering the inconsistency of several of our funding sources.
 - iv. 5 year budget review w/middle school discussion: Board discusses including numbers in the middle school discussion. Can we find a parent who would like to lead the middle school committee?
 - v. 2018 Ballot Issues: Mona and Jason will work on composing some MVMCS position statements on upcoming ballot issues.
 - b. Recruitment:
 - i. Committee recommendations and new member vote: After discussing the merits of each proposed candidate, Jeff moves to invite all 4 potential members to join the board. Emily seconds. Board approves. Jeff will notify Tony Urbick, Erin Gallagher, Tim McCarthy, and Jason Godley.
 - c. Fundraising
 - i. Dueling Pianos update: Set for September 28.

IX. New Business:

- a. Demographics of Steamboat and long term planning: Please see report on our Team Drive

X. Old Business:

- a. Schedule End of Summer Retreat: Plan for September 16. Jeff will contact John B.

XI. **Review of Action Items:** Reviewed by Board.

XII. **Next Meeting:** Friday, September 14 at 12:30 at MVMCS..

XIII. **Adjourn:** 3:37pm

Tabled Items:

- Approval of July Minutes
- Strategic Planning Work